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Children's letters to Santa

Dear Santa.

I want all of the Bionicles that I don't have. That is the red one, green one, white one, and the blue one. I hope you will still have them. How is Rudolph doing? I hope you have a Merry Christmas!! I am 6 years old. Please make sure that all the boys and girls in the world are happy this Christmas especially those in countries where there is war.John!!

DEAR SANTA, MERRY CHRISTMAS! I HAVE BEEN GOOD AND BAD THIS YEAR, BUT MOSTLY GOOD. SANTA PLEASE TAKE ALL MY TOYS AND GIVE THEM TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. THEY HAVE LOST SO MUCH ALREADY. AND, FOR MY GIFT, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PEACE ON EARTH. PLEASE TELL MRS. CLAUS AND ALL THE ELVES AND REINDEER I SAID HELLO. I WILL LEAVE YOU MACARONNI AND CHEESE AGAIN, YOU ATE IT ALL LAST YEAR. PLEASE STICK IT IN THE MICROWAVE. TAKE CARE SANTA, I LOVE YOU! RITA

dear santa, for christmas i would like for all the hungry people to have food and for jesus to have a wonderful birthday, with no fighting or kidknapping.

I want 2 male guinea Pigs more than anything I know I will get em but I would love you to be on backup just in case

I love you vary much I want 37 things.

dear Santa, Hi it is Erin I just wanted to know if I was on the bad or good list . e mail me back ERIN PLEAS GIVE ME SOMING GOOD .

p.s.SANTA

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Christmas Activities

Christmas Concert & Fellowship

Canaan Christian Church

December 9, 2009

7 pm

2840 Hikes Lane

For details: 459-5578

Christmas Musical "God Speaking"

Canaan Christian Church

December 18, 2009

7 pm

2840 Hikes Lane



Free Holiday Activities for the Family

Hands-On Holiday Cards - Make a special holiday card for someone you love.

Wednesday, December 2nd 2pm to 4 pm

Middletown Library - 10635 N. Juneau Dr. 245-7332

<u>Gingerbread fun for Families</u> - Help the Library decorate a Gingerbread House, enjoy a scavenger hunt and make a Ginger bread man during Old Tyme Christmas on Frankfort Avenue.

Saturday, December 5th 10 am to 5 pm

Crescent Hill Library - 2762 Frankfort Ave 574-1793

Quilled Holiday Cards - Learn a popular 18th century European art and make a fancy, fun card.

Tuesday, December 8th at 7 pm

Iroquois Library - 601 W Woodlawn Ave 574-1720

Holiday Stories and Crafts - Ages 3 to 8 years old. Older children are welcome to help.

Thursday, December 17th at 6:30pm

Portland Library - 3305 Northwestern Parkway 574-1744

Santa's Coming - Ages toddler through kindergarten.

Saturday, December 19th at 11 am

Westport Library - 8100 Westport Rd. Suite B 394-0379

Federal Stimulus Programs

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM!

This opportunity is provided by Louisville at Work, representing the federal stimulus program in the Metro area. www.louisvilleky.gov/recovery/

<u>Increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)</u>

What is it? 45% of first \$12,570 for families with 3+ children, phase out for married couples filing jointly is increased by \$1,880.

Who can apply? families with 3+ children, married couples filing jointly will benefit.

Where can I learn more? Louisville Asset Building Coalition (502) 292-6182, http://www.labcservices.org,

http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=130102,00.html

<u>Temporary Suspension of Federal Taxation of Unemployment Bene</u>fits

What is it? For 2009, the taxation of the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits is untaxed.

Who can apply? Unemployed individuals claiming unemployment benefits

Where can I learn more? Louisville Asset coalition (502) 292-6182, http://www.labcservices.org

<u>Increased Eligibility for Refundable Portion of the Child Tax</u> Credit

What is It? For 2009 and 2010, 15% of earned income above \$3,000 is refundable.

Who can apply? Taxpayers filing the Child Tax Credit in 2009 and/or 2010.

Where can I learn more? Louisville Asset Coalition (502) 292-6182, http://labcservices.org

LIHEAP Assistance

LIHEAP Crisis Phase

574-1157

<u>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - Crisis Phase</u>

The Louisville Metro Community Action's LIHEAP Crisis Program provides utility assistance to low-income residents with past due or disconnection notices from their utility service provider, or who are currently without utility services. This program operates from January 4, 2010 through March 31, 2010 or until funds are exhausted.

Start a New Career

Health Care Field

Jewish Family & Career Services is seeking persons interested in entering the Healthcare field. Interested participants will receive free training to become a non-medical Home Care Aide who can perform homemaking tasks and personal care for older adults.

This is an Employment Program that consists of 40 hours of paid classroom training and 8 weeks of paid on-the-job training. Case management services will be available throughout the training program to identify and resolve work related issues that may hinder successful employment, career planning, and job placement. Ongoing quarterly advisement will continue from the case manager following job placement to assist with career laddering.

The next two-week training sessions will begin January 2010 with on-the-job training following successful completion of the classroom training.

For more information contact:

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